



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,



Our amazing school councillors in Year 2 have done a wonderful job selling poppies this week; the containers are full to bursting with money! Well done Max, Jasmine, Katie, Bryony and Amber and thank you for all your help.



Fire Alarm on Thursday

Yesterday at 2:03 pm the fire alarm sounded; we had been planning a practice, but this was not our agreed time. The staff led the children to their muster points, all surprised as they did not know if it was a surprise practice or a really evacuation! Well, by 2:07.1 pm every child and adult (and dog) had safely left the buildings and been accounted for. So, 4 minutes and 1 second, which is not our fastest time, but it was so efficient; most of the Foundation Stage children had never experienced a fire alarm evacuation before and they were all so brave and sensible. It seems, a curious FS2 pupil set the alarm off and we were not in any danger!

Year 2 Assemblies

Thank you for coming in to watch our amazing Year 2 assemblies; we are so proud of the children and how much they have learned since September.





Scooter Training

We had Year 1 Scooter Training this week and the children tried so hard; I was so impressed by their ability to listen, follow instructions and to balance, twist, turn and stop! They were all very skilful.



Events Next Week!

Next week is going to be one of our busiest weeks so I wanted to try to make it as easy as possible to follow! All week is Anti-Bullying Week.

- Monday 13th November **ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** ~ Please send your child to school in odd socks to celebrate that we are all different.
- Monday 13th November is also the day the reindeer are visiting. You can come and meet them at the end of the day with older and younger siblings.
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th are our Indian Dance Days; each class will learn an Indian Dance as well as helping our friends to celebrate Diwali.
- Friday 17th November is national Children in Need day; please can you children come to school in bright colours and spots if possible. You will be able to donate if you wish too.

You will see all our upcoming events in our dates for your diary section at the end.

Christmas Fair and Raffle Tickets

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 1st December 2023 at 3:20 pm. This is always a really wonderful event and one of our biggest fundraisers; we will need to raise money this year for classroom resources and exciting events, such as Maypole Dancing, Miller's Ark and much, much more. If we can raise a lot of money, we are keen to have an outside classroom such as these:



We will be selling raffle tickets next week; we have some amazing prizes already, including book tokens, hairdressing vouchers and wonderful hampers (which we are now famous for)!!!!

We will be helping Father Christmas out by organising an Elf Mail service for letters to Father Christmas and will have Mrs Christmas's Post Office at the fair on the 1st of December! The letters will come home soon.

On Friday 24th November we will have a non-uniform day in return for Tombola Gifts, we would love it if:

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 could bring in Christmas Chocolate.



Year 1 could bring in Candles and Diffusers.



Year 2 could bring in bottles, such as wine or bubble bath!



We would love any sort of raffle prize, if you are able to donate one, possibly from your place of work, and any gifts for the presents for money and dad stall, which the children always love!

Please do not feel any pressure to donate if you are unable to, but please do send your child into school in their own clothes anyway. Thank you.

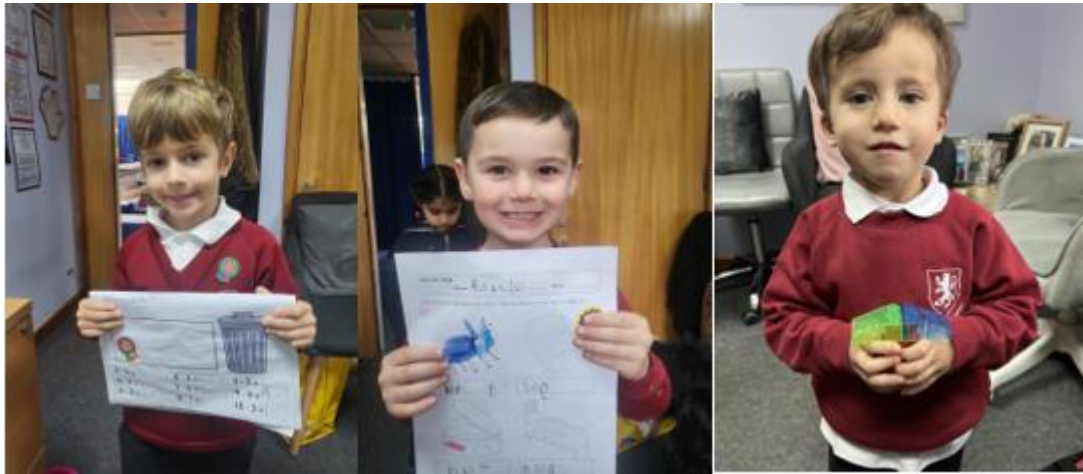
PE Kits

Mrs Janes has brought it to my attention that some parents might appreciate it if their child could wear a plain navy t-shirt instead of a white one for PE. We are happy for this to happen, but please no logos or slogans or pictures.



Super Work in School

We have more hard-working super stars this week; the children have been showing such incredible behaviours for learning.



Smaya made a beautiful Diwali card for Miss Veale and gave her a diya to light at home!

Star of the Week

I was delighted to award star of the week certificates to this group of excellent learners, who are really starting to apply all their new learning each day. Our goal is that our children will do more, know more and remember more and these ten children can certainly do that. Well done all of you!



Christmas Presents and Boxes

You will have received information from Mrs King about the Christmas Presents and Christmas Treats that have become a recent tradition at Walter Infant School and Nursery; if you would like to provide a present and some Christmas food treats for a child in school whose family may be struggling to make ends meet at this very expensive time of year, please follow this link: Walterxmas23@outlook.com perhaps a group of you might like to club together. It would be wonderful if we could provide 28 parcels!

If you are struggling to provide all you need to at the moment; we can provide Food Vouchers for the Foodbank and fuel vouchers.

Pantomime after Christmas

Miss Rose is in a pantomime after Christmas and thought some of our families might like to attend: "Oh no she isn't!" "Oh yes she is!"



WOKINGHAM PANTOMIME GROUP PRESENTS

Aladdin
2023

THE WHITTY THEATRE
29TH DEC 2023: 6PM
30TH DEC 2023: 2PM & 6PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW:
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WOKINGHAM-PANTOMIME



We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask.

Walter's Pantry

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

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| 13th November | Odd Socks Day! |
| 13th November | Reindeer Day! |
| 17th November | Children in Need Day |
| 22nd November | Bags 2 School (please leave on the train outside) |
| 24th November | Non-uniform day in return for Tombola Gifts |
| 24th November | i-Rock Concert |
| 1st December | Christmas Fair |
| 5th December | Oak Class Nativity – 2:00pm |
| 6th December | Larch Class Nativity – 2:00pm |
| 7th December | Beech Class Nativity – 2:00pm |
| 8th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12th December | Year 2 singing – 9:00am and 2:30pm performance |
| 14th December | Foundation Stage Performance – 9:00am and 2:30pm |
| 15th December | Last day of term (finishing 1 hour early) |
| 2nd January 2024 | Back to School 😊 |

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

